

## The Pocahontas Times

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### To The Messenger.

When the Messenger found that over 1200 votes had been cast in the Democratic primary and that the vote of the county in the November election would have to be doubled in order to make the Republican party run any where near the Democratic party it found that it was high time to write something about it. If there was a single Republican voted in that primary we do not know his name. Perhaps the Messenger could kindly give one or more names of Republicans who voted in that primary. Perhaps like many novices in politics they have been classing some for him who are really against him. You cannot tell a Democrat from a Republican by the cut of his jib. Therefore the assertion of the Messenger that about one hundred Republicans voted in the primary must fall to the ground. Either those who voted were voting under false pretenses or they were Democrats. We prefer to believe that they were Democrats. The Messenger may insinuate that these gentlemen were not voting their sentiments, but we prefer to think otherwise.

It was a good deal like the assertion that Democrats voted in the Republican convention for Gaines. If any did this give us their names.

The editor of the Messenger refers to "the leader of the Republican party in the county." Now who is that gentleman. Is it the Hon. H. S. Rucker, Hon. Geo. P. Moore, Hon. Beverly Waugh, Hon. A. D. Williams, Hon. N. C. McNeill, Hon. Doctor Price, Hon. W. A. Bratton, or one of the hundred other good Republicans in the county. He speaks of the "leader" as though anyone might know to whom he referred. We have taught school and held a Number One certificate but we don't know. Tell us, prithee, who you dub leader. We do not have any such hood doing in our party. Charlie Dice in Greenbrier is a leader. He has been accused of leading a certain down trodden race of people by the nose. But who is leader in this county?

The editor of the Messenger refers to the machinery of the primary and the dishonorable methods used to obtain nominations. He must be enamoured with the method of his party in choosing thirty six men to name a county ticket. We once tried it in an off year with eighty men, from over the county, and very nearly killed ourselves off with the reputation of having a packed convention. Which do you say is fairer? To choose your nominees with 1200 men or with 36. Compare these figures, 1200 to 36. Which represents the most people? Which is the fairer?

Which is more like Tammany. Tammany has one man. The Republicans have thirty six to do the nominating. The Democrats had twelve hundred, glory be.

There is one more thing we wish to discuss. That is the damning sentence following: "Let Pocahontas sever the Democratic clog which holds her alongside Webster as the most stagnant and unprogressive county in the State of West Virginia." Did you ever hear such treason uttered by a Pocahontas man before? Pocahontas, the county of all counties, with Greenbrier, not Webster mind you, noted for its culture, refinement, and wealth. The land of fair and virtuous women and brave men. The county that furnished from one neighborhood a company of one hundred firemen, all six footers, who led the charge into the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania, and performed a feat that made the world ring, and which is only equaled by the charge of the Six Hundred at Balaclava.

Under an unbroken Democratic administration of over thirty years the county stands today the record of being the county with the lowest rate of taxation of any county in the State. The only tax ever laid in this county that is open to criticism is the tax laid in the Huntersville District for school purposes at an appalling rate and this was done by a Republican Board of Education. There has never been an official in this county in the past generation who would take money either for his vote, or his influence, or as an official.

All lumber and farming counties in this state are Democratic. Webster, Braxton, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Randolph and Pocahontas. Why? Because all the labor is white and the people though they come from the North are American born. The coal mining counties are Republican because the labor hired there are foreigners whose votes are let by their agents to the highest bidders and because the balance of the voters are negroes who yield a blind and unreasoning allegiance to the Republican party, and by

whom they are kept in bondage. We are here to say that under the Democratic administration of this county that all rights have been maintained. That an enormous sum of money has been expended in railroad and timber developing faster than any county in the state.

### Slow to Forget.

With Joe Wheeler and Fitz Hugh Lee fighting in the Union army and New York voting the Democratic ticket, we find the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches fighting the battles of the war over again each year and refusing to become reunited.

The explanation is simple. The Northern church is the richer and they argue there that nothing of advantage would come of taking in a poorer partner. The Southern church on the other hand is poor but proud and does not propose to play second fiddle to the Northern church and be voted down in every measure. These form the real reasons of the schism. We suppose that everybody knows the war is over and glad it is, but it does seem strange that religious bodies which stand for peace on earth and good will to men, should furnish a living example of the effect of that great war, the greatest and most useless of calamities known to history.

### DAN CUNNINGHAM.

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only to walk away. As he had, twenty years before, held his hand from the vengeance of murder, so now he forewent his reckoning rather than have a life on his conscience. He dragged the stupefied man from the track and left him lying. If the official reads this it will be his first knowledge of who saved him. Within a year he had again blocked the prosecution of the remaining members of the gang. Slowly indeed, have the mills of the gods ground for Dan Cunningham, nor have they ground exceeding small. Yet it seems that the tardy and inadequate vengeance of the law has been supplanted by the swifter and more terrible reckoning of a Higher Power.

"The hand of God has been laid on these men in dreadful forms." Thus the faith of Dan Cunningham shines out in his diary.

### THE FATE OF THE CLAN.

Of the men who took part in the murder of Nathan Cunningham four-fifths are dead, most of them having met death in some shocking or shameful phase. Wade Counts was almost torn to pieces by lightning, a few rods from the place of the murder. Robert Cleek "dwindled away," as Cunningham puts it, of a strange disease that afflicts those practising intermarriage to the unholy degree characteristic of this clan. Joe Skean is dead of the same ailment, after having lived the life of a wild beast in the forest for years.

Against the name of Erwin Riley, in Cunningham's diary I find an entry, brief and grim: "Rotted to death." The same entry concludes the record of George Riley, Bill Fields, Jake Kiser, and Joe Skean. Jake Kiser's son is a maniac, living in a cave, and "fighting the wind," as the mountaineers say of those stricken with St. Vitus's dance. Like Counts is palsied and also a "wind fighter." Ben Coon is a hermit, horror-ridden by the spirit of his nephew who was lynched with the Duffa. Wash Fields, an outcast of his own tribe, died in dire poverty, alone. The descendants of these men are scattered in penitentiaries, asylums, and hospitals; many of them grotesquely deformed; several of them albinos, more of them idiots, most of them criminally insane, and all, without exception, harassed, harried, and haunted by the slow vengeance of Dan Cunningham.

The Consolidated Band passed and left no nucleus on which to form a new confederation. All that remained for Cunningham there was to keep a watchful eye for any sporadic outbreaks which might expose members of the clan to his vengeance. Now he was called for in a broader field of lawlessness. Union labor, striking for higher wages and better conditions, undertook to close the great soft-coal mines of West Virginia. Non-union labor was brought in; intimidation began, to be closely followed by murder and dynamite outrages. The federal courts issued injunctions so sweeping as to rouse the striking miners to the utmost fury. The injunctions would be a dead letter, they declared, because any man who attempted to serve them would be killed at the first trial.

Dan Cunningham took the papers. At Loop Creek he went down to a night meeting of five hundred armed strikers who were planning an attack that night, served the injunction papers on them, and, from the platform on which their own speakers stood, appealed to them not to sacrifice their own lives.

"You fellows think I've got something against you," he said. "I haven't. My business is to serve these papers. I don't do it because I like to. I do it because I've sworn to. Now it's done and I want to tell you something. Boys, that mine you want to attack is guarded so that a regiment couldn't get near it. If you start up there you'll be killed before ever you get sight of the buildings. I've just come from there and I know. For the sake of your families give it up."

The attack was not made, but Cunningham was never in greater peril in his life than when he stood before that meeting. Throughout the troubles in the Few River district, which cost far more in human lives than the much-talked-of bird coal strikes, Cunningham was the chief instrument of the court. Time and again he served injunctions on men who were waiting for him armed. He led the little force of deputies in the battle of Stansford City, when two hundred armed men fired upon the representatives of the law, and again at Piney Creek, when ten men were killed and many more wounded in the fight. In the service Cunningham is the ideal officer, for he does his duty like a machine.

THE MAN OF THE LAW.  
"It isn't my business to think whether the law is right or wrong," he once said to me, speaking of a much-discussed injunction. "It's the law; that makes it right for me." There is no man in the troubled strike region who has been so bitterly denounced, or so often threatened. But of this he takes not the slightest heed. In his own exemption from violent death he has the faith of a fanatic. "God will not let me be killed while one of Nathan's murderers is above ground," he says. That is the one tenet of his creed; otherwise he is not a religious man.

"There will be no survivors of the band in a few years," said a friend to him recently. "What will you do then, Dan?" "I'll go back to my garden, perhaps," said he. "Raising fancy fruits is my hobby you know."

But those who know Cunningham best do not believe that he will ever go back to his garden. He has been bred to too long a service of the law. His hatred of the clan has broadened and calmed to an implacable enmity against all those who counten the law which he serves. Whether it is to break up a counterfeiters' plant, to quell a riot, or to stop a lynching, his strength is at call. At forty-eight he is the embodiment of the man of action; long, lean, and powerful; keen-eyed, quiet, gentle, and reserved; a personality to inspire confidence; a man such as those were who established civilization at the muzzle of the gun when the merchant Coleman saved San Francisco from anarchy in the wild fifties.

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